

To an Early Swallow. My little bird of the air, If thou dost know, then tell me the sweet reason...

And for a moment still Thy ever-tuneful bill, And tell me, and I pray thee tell me true, If any crane thy bosom tries...

Higher and ever higher Into the purple fire That lights the morning meadows with hearts' ease...

Whose teeth he did drag Through the dim hollow of her golden flag After a faithless love - while far and near...

By his unrearing power Who makes the days about the Easter flower Like gardens round the chamber of a king...

My little swinner of the seas of air, Thou comest, goest, duly in thy seasons; And furthermore, that all men everywhere...

STEAM PLOUGHS.

We condense from a very able paper of Professor J. Brammer, of the United States Patent Office, the following history of steam ploughs...

Another method of steam culture has been attempted, in which the engines are designed to travel over the field, drawing the ploughs behind them...

12 inches wide and 10 inches deep, will present a rubbing surface of 120 square inches; consequently the resistance, even with a single plough...

An acre of 120 contains 45,000 square feet. A team turning a single furrow 12 inches wide and 10 inches deep will, upon an average, travel over 12 inches in an hour...

A wet and about the comparative cost of feed and fuel may not be out of place. A team may have periods of rest and recuperation equal to one-half of the ordinary hours of labor...

The method of steam culture proposed by Bellingier, and subsequently improved upon by Fowler, of England, is probably the most feasible that has been attempted...

The English early tried two broad tread engines, which were driven by the necessary weight of the engine the wheels sank deep into the moist and loose soil...

About the year 1858 Mr. Thomas H. Berridge, of St. Louis, Missouri, a man of remarkable genius, invented a steam traction engine...

In 1851 Messrs. Calloway & Purkin, of England, with a view to improvement in steam culture, constructed a neat locomotive, with two main traction wheels of 18 inches tread...

The plan invented by Bellingier, commonly called "cable traction," and subsequently improved upon by Fowler, consisting chiefly in his balancing gear plough frame...

Among the earlier of these adventurers may be named Henry Corning, 1850; David Russell, 1855; Judd Stevens, 1858; J. B. Howell, 1859; B. Crawford, 1857; and many others...

progressed. It will be seen that this plan differed from Fowler's only in this, that it was around the axle, at every set of furrows the engine and capstan moving inward until the work was complete...

Among the steam ploughs invented in this country, that of John W. Fowler, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has probably attracted the greatest attention...

It remains, then, to discover by what means such improvements may be made as will bring the great power of steam into general use in agriculture...

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